

(b) Does not arise.

Battery Buses

[English]

Meetings organised to encourage NRI Investments

3782. ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings, conferences and seminars organised during the last one year to induce the NRIs to invest in India;

(b) whether the Union Government sponsored any of these meetings, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government met the to and fro expenses of the participants; and

(d) if so, the details of the expenses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). The Union Government has not organised any seminar in the last one year. However, a large number of private organisations did organise seminars and conferences. The to and fro expenses of the participants are either met by the sponsoring organisations or by the participants themselves.

The High Commission of India, Singapore, in association with Trade Development Board of Singapore conducted an investment seminar in October, 1991 in Singapore which was attended by the Finance Minister and some officers of the Government and institutions.

3783. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 447 on July 19, 1991 and state:

(a) the routes on which Battery Buses are plying at present in Delhi;

(b) whether these buses have been further extended to some other areas of Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to direct Delhi Administration to run these buses in the areas of Delhi where DTC has not been able to maintain its frequency for a long time;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present Battery Buses are plying on the following routes in Delhi:-

1. C.G.O. Complex to North Block.
2. Lal Qila to Fatehpuri.
3. Connaught Place to I.S.B.T.
4. ISBT to Fatehpuri.
5. Shakkarpur to Shahdara.
6. Bara Hindu Rao to Jama Masjid.
7. Shahdara to Ghonda.
8. Pahar Ganj to Bara Tooti.

9. Laxmi Nagar to Mayur Vihar.
10. G.T. Road to Khajori.
11. Nizamuddin Rly. Station to C.G.O. Complex.
12. Nizamuddin Rly. Station to Lodi Road.

(b) to (f). No, Sir. Government have already approved a scheme for introduction of 3,000 buses to meet the needs of commuters of Delhi.

Decanalisation of Import of Newsprint

3784. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI BRAHMANAND MAN-
DAL:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMDRISHNA
KUSMARIA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATH-
ERIA:
SHRI V.S. VIJAYAR-
AGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries from where the newsprint is being imported at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to decanalise the import of newsprint or to impose some restrictions on its import;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the proposed new policy for the import of newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The names of the countries from which newsprint has been im-

ported during 1991-92 are China, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, Poland, France, Germany, Hungary, Sweden, Finland, USSR, Bangladesh and Austria.

(b) to (d). It has been decided to decanalise the decanalise the import of newsprint. The details are being worked out.

Change in management of Textile Units under Public Sector

3785. SHRI M.V. CHAN-
DRASEKHARA MUR-
THY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to change the management of some of the textile units working under public sector companies/corporations;

(b) whether performance of each of such units was taken into consideration before taking such decision; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Foreign exchange for newspaper industry

3786. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange